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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC STATEMENT BY HIGH PANAMANIAN
OFFICIALS -- POSSIBLE TALKING POINTS.

FOR MINISTER BELL FROM WYROUGH.

I.

THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 1 FROM ARA/PAN APPLICABLE TO THE
SEPTEMBER 1975 NEGOTIATING ROUND.

II.

A. PER YOUR REQUEST WE HAVE DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING TALKING
POINTS FOR POSSIBLE USE BY GENERAL TORRIJOS OR PRESIDENT
LAKAS AS ONE MEANS OF REASSURING CIVILIAN RESIDENTS OF
THE CANAL ZONE REGARDING THEIR FUTURE UNDER A NEW TREATY
RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO JUDGE THE SUITABILITY
OF THE REMARKS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF IMPACT ON DOMESTIC
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PANAMANIAN AND ON CANAL ZONE AUDIENCES.

B. POSSIBLE REMARKS ARE:

-- ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH U.S. AND PANAMANIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY HAVE MADE TO BOTH

THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE WATERWAY AND PANAMA'S DEVELOPMENT AS CROSSROADS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

-- EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT THE SPIRIT OF DEDICATION AND COOPERATION WHICH HAS LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND PANAMANIAN CITIZENS IN THE ZONE WILL BE STRENGTHENED WHEN ARTIFICIAL BOUNDARIES ARE REPLACED BY A NEW TREATY RELATIONSHIP BASED ON COMMON INTEREST AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

-- EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT THE FEARS AND SUSPICIONS THAT MIGHT EXIST AT PRESENT WILL VANISH WHEN EMPLOYEES MORE FULLY PERCEIVE THE SECURE AND HARMONIOUS ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL PREVAIL WHEN PANAMA EXERCISES JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY OVER ALL ITS TERRITORY.

-- STATE THAT PANAMA WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPECIAL EXPERTISE OF CURRENT EMPLOYEES AND IS COUNTING ON THEIR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING TO TRAIN PANAMANIAN FOR THE DAY WHEN THEY WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CANAL OPERATION.

-- EMPHASIZE THAT PANAMA INTENDS TO COOPERATE IN THE PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS WHEN THE NEW TREATY PARTNERSHIP BECOMES A REALITY.

-- -- CITE THE TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY, WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP OF THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE.

-- NOTE THAT INNUMERABLE CITIZENS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES LIVE AND WORK IN PANAMA TODAY AND THAT MANY HAVE CHOSEN TO RETIRE IN PANAMA WITHOUT PROBLEM.

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C. IN SUMMARY, TORRIJOS' PRINCIPAL MESSAGE SHOULD BE TO AFFIRM THAT THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE FUTURE WELL-BEING AND PROTECTION OF THOSE WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE DURING A NEW TREATY FOR OPERATING PANAMA'S SINGLE, MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC RESOURCE -- THE CANAL. KISSINGER

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